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SUBJ: ECOSOC ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, 1977

1. DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR ECOSOC 62ND AND 63RD SESSIONS HAS PRESENTED AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US, UK AND FRANCE TO REGISTER OPPOSITION TO GA RES. 31/33, A THIRD COMITE RES ENTITLED ADVERSE CONSESEQUENCES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS RES. INVITES ECOSOC, IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE USE OF THE VETO ON THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. AT THE CURRENT ECOSOC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, THE UK DELEGATION, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, ARGUED THAT ECOSOC SHOULD DECLINE THE INVITATION FROM THE GA TO STUDY THE USE OF THE VETO AND THAT THE RES. SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO THE HRC FOR STUDY. THE US DEL (AMB. MYERSON) SUPPORTED THE UK PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT IT WAS IMPROPER AND DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR ECOSOC TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE ACTIONS OF

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ANOTHER UN BODY. THESE ARGUMENTS WERE ALSO SUPPORTED BY FRG, NETHERLANDS AND TO VARIOUS DEGREES BY SOME OTHER WESTERN DELEGATES. NIGERIA, THE AUTHOR OF THE PARA IN QUESTION, PAKISTAN AND NUMEROUS G-77 DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT TO REVERSE A DECISION OF THE GA. THE USSR HAS MAINTAINED TOTAL SILENCE, FINDING ITSELF AGAIN EMBARRASSED AT HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE RIGHT TO

EXERCISE THE VETO AND A DESIRE TO SUPPORT AN ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN RES.

3. THE UK PLANS TO CALL FOR AOVOTE ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE RES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE HRC. THE MOTION WILL, WE ESTIMATE, GET A RESPECTABLE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM WESTERN DELEGATIONS, ALTHOUGH NOT ENOUGH TO PASS. UNLESS THE DEPT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTIONS, USDEL PLANS TO SUPPORT THE UK PROPOSAL. THE USSR HAS REPORTED THAT THEY WILL ABSTAIN.

4. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THE VOTE WILL OCCUR THURSDAY, JAN 13 OR FRIDAY JAN 14.

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